

Be Aware

Cape Cod
National Seashore

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Be aware of local environmental concerns:

Poison Ivy

❖ Identify and avoid poison ivy:

- cluster of three leaves
- can take on many forms and looks
- turns bright red in the fall
- may be a plant, vine or shrub, and may have small white berries

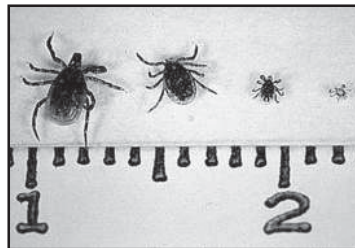


Oils on the poison ivy plant can cause a skin rash with severe itching. Contact with oil can come directly from the plant or from oils on clothing or pets.

Deer Ticks

❖ Prevent tick bites:

- tuck pants into socks
- stay on trails
- use insect repellent
- after activity, check entire body for attached ticks



deer ticks adult to nymph stages
one inch scale

Deer ticks may carry Lyme Disease - a health threat to humans and pets.

Ticks may be active throughout the year in all conditions.

Browntail Moths

❖ Avoid contact with these insects:

The caterpillar hairs of browntail moths can cause an intensely itchy rash that lasts 24 to 48 hours. Locations of browntail moth are in northern sections of the park including Truro,

Provincetown, and Great Island in Wellfleet.

